

CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A method of treating a patient having a fungal infection, comprising orally administering an effective fungal infection treatment amount of valacyclovir hydrochloride to said
5 patient to eliminate the symptoms of said fungal infection.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein said valacyclovir hydrochloride is administered for seven days in a daily amount of 0.05 to 4 grams.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein said daily amount of valacyclovir hydrochloride is administered three times per day.
- 10 4. The method of claim 3, wherein said daily amount of valacyclovir hydrochloride is administered 1 gram.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein said fungal infection is athlete's foot.
6. A method of treating a patient having a fungal infection, comprising topically administering an effective fungal infection treatment amount of a topical formulation of
15 valacyclovir hydrochloride to the infected area to eliminate the symptoms of said fungal infection.
7. The method of claim 6, wherein said topical formulation contains at least 0.5% of valacyclovir hydrochloride.

8. The method of claim 6, wherein said topical formulation contains about 1- 10% of valacyclovir hydrochloride.

9. The method of claim 6, wherein said fungal infection is athlete's foot.

10. A method of treating a patient having a fungal infection, comprising orally
5 administering an effective fungal infection treatment amount of an antiviral agent selected from the group consisting of acyclovir, valacyclovir, famciclovir, and ganciclovir to said patient to eliminate the symptoms of said fungal infection.

11. The method of claim 10, wherein said fungal infection is athlete's foot.

12. A method of treating a patient having a fungal infection, comprising topically
10 administering an effective fungal infection treatment amount of a topical formulation of an antiviral agent selected from the group consisting of acyclovir, valacyclovir, famciclovir, penciclovir and ganciclovir to the infected area to eliminate the symptoms of said fungus infection.

13. The method of claim 12, wherein said fungus infection is athlete's foot.